My visit to the Central Park Zoo
Today we are going to the Central Park Zoo!
There are lots of ways to get to this zoo. We can walk, take the bus, take the subway or ride in a car.
When we arrive at the zoo we might already have our tickets. The Admissions Building is the place I can ask to borrow a Sensory Bag if I need it for my visit. I can ask a Zoo employee for help if I need directions to find the building.
There are two parts to the Central Park Zoo, and each has a separate entrance: The “Main Zoo” and the “Children’s Zoo”.
If we get hungry or thirsty, we can go to the Dancing Crane Cafe. This is near the Main Zoo. There you can buy food or drinks.
The Gift Shop is also near the Main Zoo. The shop entrance is across the path from the Main Zoo gate.
The Central Park Zoo also has a 4-D movie theater.
But, I will talk to my grown up to find out if it’s a place we will go.
During a 4-D movie, it would be very dark and there would be a lot of loud noises, flashing lights and smells that I might not like. It’s ok if we don’t go to this theater. Then we have more time for animals!
We can look at a map of the zoo on the Central Park Zoo website. There are also some posters of the map at the entrance.
During the global coronavirus pandemic, if I am 3 years old or older, I must wear a mask during my Zoo visit.

My mask should cover my nose and mouth. A mask helps keep me and others safe.
At this zoo, some of the exhibits are indoors and some animal exhibits are outdoors.
If I need a break when I am in the Main Zoo, I can find a quiet place to sit at the benches in the corners of the Central Garden. This is near the Sea Lion pool, but there are plants and flowers that make areas feel smaller and more private.
On our walk, we’ll pass under the Delacorte Clock and then walk through a tunnel. The Children’s Zoo entrance will be on our right hand side.
The Children’s Zoo has a petting zoo area where we can feed and touch farm animals like sheep and goats. Just remember, after 2:00pm, the animals are not allowed to get any more food for the day. Otherwise, they’ll eat too much!
We will have a fun time at the Central Park Zoo.

Maybe we will come back again soon.